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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Commander William C. McCool of the
6 United States Navy, pilot of the Space Shuttle Co-
7 lumbia when it was tragically lost on February 1,
8 2003, attended Dededo Middle School and John F.
9 Kennedy High School on Guam.

10 (2) Commander McCool carried a flag com-
11 memorating the liberation of Guam on NASA mis-
12 sion STS-107 of the Space Shuttle Columbia.

13 (3) Commander McCool pursued his dream of
14 space flight with vigor and passion and, by his life
15 and accomplishments, is an inspiration for school
16 children everywhere to dare to dream big things, to
17 believe in themselves, and to reach for the stars.

18 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.**

19 The Guam South Elementary/Middle School of the
20 Department of Defense Domestic Dependents Elementary
21 and Secondary Schools System in Apra Heights, Guam,
22 shall be known and designated as the “Commander Wil-
23 liam C. McCool Elementary/Middle School”, in honor of
24 William C. McCool, who was a commander in the United

1 States Navy and pilot of the Space Shuttle Columbia when
2 it was tragically lost on February 1, 2003.

3 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES.**

4 Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document,
5 paper, or other record of the United States to the Guam
6 South Elementary/Middle School shall be deemed to be a
7 reference to the “Commander William C. McCool Elemen-
8 tary/Middle School”.

Passed the House of Representatives February 26,
2003.

Attest:

Clerk.